



IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re application of : **Confirmation No. 4506**
Shoji YUYAMA et al. : Attorney Docket No. 2003_1295
Serial No. 10/659,681 : Group Art Unit 3654
Filed September 11, 2003 : Examiner William A. Rivera

METHOD OF ADJUSTING TENSION APPLIED
TO SHEET, AND DEVICE FOR THE SAME : **Mail Stop: Amendment**

RESPONSE

Commissioner for Patents
P.O. Box 1450
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Sir:

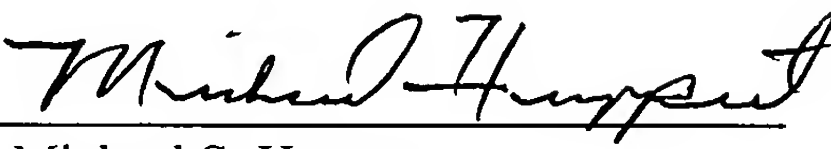
This is in response to the Office Action dated January 5, 2009. Reconsideration is respectfully requested.

In the previous Office Action, claims 1-9 are rejected on the ground of nonstatutory obviousness-type double patenting in view of the claims in U.S. Patent No. 6,286,780 (claims 1-3); U.S. Patent No. 6,059,222 (claims 4-6) and U.S. Patent No. 5,967,445 (claims 7-9). In response, a terminal disclaimer in compliance with 37 C.F.R. § 1.321(c) is submitted herewith in order to overcome the rejection.

Since there does not appear to be any further issues remaining in the present application,
the Examiner is requested to pass this case to issue.

Respectfully submitted,

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